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Title: GAQ PROTEIN VARIANTS AND THEIR USE IN THE ANALYSIS AND  
DISCOVERY OF AGONISTS AND ANTAGONISTS OF CHEMOSENSORY  
RECEPTORS

SECOND REQUEST FOR STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

This Application was filed on November 21, 2001, and the Response to Missing Parts completed on March 5, 2002. To date, Applicants have not received any other correspondence on this Application other than the Notice of Publication of Application.

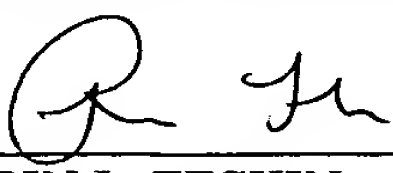
Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office advise when a substantive Office Action will be issued in the Application.

If there are any questions regarding this Application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #100337/54295CP).

Respectfully submitted,

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